

Grafham Gossip

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Editors' note...

Thanks to everyone who has sent us articles to print. It's great to hear from you! This issue contains several dates for your diary. They include on page 1, an invitation to the Harvest celebrations on 1st October and on page 2, details of Grafham's traditional Fireworks Night to be held on 4th November. Ladies, keep 1st November free - see last page!



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Grafham All Saints Church

1st Sunday (Oct 1st): **11.00** Family Harvest Service- please see invitation below!

2nd Sunday (Oct 15th): **8.00** Eucharist **3rd Sunday** (Oct 22th): **08.00** Eucharist **11.00** Sunday Worship

4th Sunday (Oct 29th): **11.00** Eucharist

Invitation from: ALL SAINTS CHURCH - GRAFHAM

On Sunday 1st October we will be holding our traditional
HARVEST SERVICE - AT 11:00 A.M

This is a 45 minute service for all age groups. Children particularly welcome!

Donations of produce can be left in church on Saturday or will be accepted during the service.

A DELICIOUS HARVEST LUNCH WITH WINE

and the sale of produce will follow the service.

Please join us for this enjoyable event. New faces especially welcome.

Lunch Prices: £6.50 adults. Children 16 and Under £3. Under 5's Free.

For catering purposes, please PRE-BOOK your tickets for the lunch by 'phoning:

Diana on 811518, Pat /Alan on 811166, or a Churchwarden on 811862 or 810157.



Contacting the Clergy: Canon Jonathan Young **891695** Rev. Martin Kettle **890284** or mob. **07876 755578**

Churchwardens: Jill Dighton **811862** Jill Tyack **810157**

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2006

Yes, it's that time of the year already... As in previous years, I will shortly be distributing leaflets (or may already have popped one through your letterbox) regarding Operation Christmas Child 2006. I hope you will take the time to read the leaflet and realise what a worthwhile cause this project represents. Last year, as a village, we were able to donate 32 completed shoeboxes (which were distributed to under-privileged children in Romania and Russia) and hopefully this year, my car will be overflowing with more boxes to take to the local drop off point at Huntingdon Methodist Church.

If you would like to help make a brighter Christmas for these under-privileged children, please hand in your completed shoeboxes, donations for boxes or monetary donations to me at: **2 Meadowground, Grafham Tel: 811577**

If you have not received a leaflet through your letterbox, please ring me and I'll happily bring one along!

All donations should be handed in to me by Sunday 19th November. Many thanks for your support. **Moira Young**



District Councillors **Shirley Menczer** and **Peter Downes** are available at the Village Hall between 11.15 and 11.45 on the first Saturday of each month. At other times they can be contacted: **Shirley.Menczer@huntsdc.gov.uk tel.01480 436769** **Peter.Downes@cambridgeshire.gov.uk tel.01480 398082**

Web site: www.grafhamvillage.org.uk **E-mail:** gossip@grafhamvillage.org.uk

Grafham Fireworks Night



Saturday November 4th

Admission: Adults - £3
Children under 16 yrs - £1
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For more details ring:

Sue Rice **896139** or Ann Davies **891372**



Join Grafham Wildlife and Conservation Group

on the first and second Sunday of the month to carry out woodland conservation.

For more details, contact **Sam Malt** on **810844** (daytime) or **811654** (evening).



Babysitters

Alison Young -

Age: **16**. Tel: **811577**

Jessica Homewood -

successful in babysitting course.

Age: **15**. Tel: **810867**

Kirsty Elliot - successful in babysitting course. Age: **14**. Tel: **810550**

Danielle Meyer - speaks French and able to help with homework.

Age: **16**. Tel: **811279**

Olivia Sinfield - Grade B GCSE Child Development. Age: **16**. Tel: **811831**

Felicity Jenkinson - Grade B GCSE Child Development. Age: **17**. Tel: **812328**



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PARISH NEWS... The Parish Council is extremely concerned about the increase in crime in the village. At the most recent Council meeting, a report was received from our Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator concerning several incidents which have occurred and which have been reported elsewhere in this magazine. Your council gives its full support to the Neighbourhood Watch approach to tackling crime in the village and is anxious to ensure that everyone knows how to report crime and how to avoid it wherever possible. Every household will shortly receive a leaflet giving information on Crimestoppers and other contact points. If you have any questions that you think we may be able to answer, please contact either Neighbourhood Watch or the Clerk to the Parish Council.

Sam Malt has resigned as a Parish Councillor. Sam has worked very hard for the good of the village and now wants to concentrate on his conservation group and the history group that provides us with some fascinating information every month. As a result of Sam's resignation there is a vacancy on the Council.

If you feel that you would like to give some of your time to the village and join the Council, please write a letter of application to the Parish Clerk at 6 Home Close, Grafham. It would be especially good to get some applications from the female sector of the village. Grafham Parish Councillors must be over 21 years of age and should have been resident in the village for the whole of the preceding twelve months. If you want any further information about being a Parish Councillor, please give one of us a call. All contact information is on the Village notice board and web site.

Margaret Life, Clerk to Grafham Parish Council



Next meeting: Tuesday 10 October 2006 at 7.30pm (See village noticeboard and web site for full minutes)

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Sadly we have been subject to some disturbing events in the village over recent weeks, and it really does stress the need for us all to be extremely vigilant and aware.

There have now been four incidents at the Westwood Lodge Caravan Park.

A distraction burglary occurred at a house in Church Road at 2.50pm in the afternoon whilst a resident was painting her gate – she was challenged by a male in his mid twenties who was inside her property. He then ran away.

Solvent abuse has taken place by a group of youths in the centre of the village and the police are now involved in following this up, and another group of youths caused disturbance in the children's play area. There is an age restriction for young people using the play area and the Council have posted up notices.

There was an incident involving fast driving in the Anglian Water car park on Bank Holiday weekend – this matter has been sorted.

The job of Neighbourhood Watch is to act as co-ordinator between the police and the village and I attended the last Council meeting to advise them of the increase of events in the village.

The Crimestoppers phone number to report any incidents anonymously is 0800 555111 or in an emergency 999.

Any enquiries, e-mail jamie2701@aol.com or telephone James Snell on 07951 069565



Grafham Gen

Gaynes Hall, Station 61, World War II



Gaynes Hall at Perry is a large, three-storey country mansion originally set in 23 acres of parkland. Like many country houses, Gaynes Hall was requisitioned for the war effort and huts erected in the park for the S.O.E. (Special Operations Executive). Station 61 became a site for holding and training agents before they were driven to RAF Tempsford and flown to their secret missions. The place was very closely guarded and secrecy was under penalty of death. Gaynes Hall was used by the Norwegian Oluf Olsen, prior to his mission to sabotage the German heavy water plant at Vermork. Small Lysander aircraft were often seen going in and out of the park.

Gaynes Hall still holds many untold wartime secrets.

Sam Malt

The Mobile Library (route H103) visits **Breach Road, Grafham from 11.35 to 11.55 on alternate Wednesdays.**

Visits are on: October 4th and 18th.

For renewals or enquiries call **0845 045 5225**

<http://hipweb.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/mobiles/index.html>

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Grafham Tang Soo Do Club



Two members of Grafham Tang Soo Do club went as part of the 100 strong British team to this years World Championships held in Anaheim, California. Our 5th Dan instructor, Master Chris Carter, went as a member of the British Masters Display Team. Master Carter was also asked to be a judge in the Creativity Competition, where he decided who this year's World Champions would be. His daughter Catherine went as a competitor in the Black Belt Forms category. This was Catherine's first Championship as a Black Belt, and she came second in the World. The British team came back with more than 70 trophies and medals, making them one of the best teams at the World Championship.

In today's society, there is no doubt that martial arts training is on the rise and that people are becoming more interested in learning self-defence skills. The art of Tang Soo Do is an extremely effective method of self-defence. But there are many other reasons why men, women and children from all walks of life have taken up Tang Soo Do training. This ancient form of martial art is known for having the most effective training methods for self-discipline, self-confidence, physical fitness, stress management and the ultimate form of self-defence techniques. It is not just a young persons martial art either, in Grafham Tang Soo Do club our ages range from 7 to approaching 50. If you would like to find out more about Tang Soo Do (and see the World's number two in action) then come along to one of our training sessions. These are held every Wednesday and Friday evening in Grafham Village Hall starting at 7p.m.

Grafham Cricket Club

Autumn; the season when the leaves turn to the colours of red, apricot, gold, heralding the forthcoming Harvest Festivals, and the end of the cricket season. The rainy weather in August caused several of our fixtures to be cancelled. The one fixture that went ahead was against the Bedford Yardys, played at Mowsbury Park in Bedford. Grafham was well and truly trounced, the Yardys scored 259-8, Grafham replied 64 all out, with John Fozzard scoring 36 of Grafham's runs.

The first match in September was called off by Riseley, who could not get a team together or find someone to prepare their square. Grafham then by default earned 20 points, which we badly need as we are languishing second from the bottom in the league.

The last match of the season was a home match against Bedford Athletic champions elect; a team who had not lost a match in the league all season. Grafham had several senior players missing, so the soothsayers in the Bedford Athletic team were predicting a walkover victory. The Grafham skipper duly lost the toss (something he has managed to do all season) and Bedford Athletic put Grafham into bat. The pitch was a little green, due in part to the recent rain, and the inability to get the cut of the lawnmower low enough. A green pitch should favour the bowler. Grafham's openers Duncan Palmer and Colin Grundy put on a partnership of 60 for the first wicket. Colin during his inning hit a superb six between deep mid wicket and long on, with the ball landing in the bushes beyond, and top scored in the innings with 31 runs. Grafham then proceeded to lose five quick wickets. The decline was stopped by a steady partnership of 40 between Adi Love and Chris Dighton. The Grafham innings ended at 40 overs on 111 for 9. A reasonable score but not one to intimidate a confident Bedford Athletic.

Adi Love and Adam Dighton opened the Grafham bowling. Adi in his first three overs took three wickets for no runs, one over was a double wicket maiden. As Adi remarked later he should have taken himself off then, but he continued finishing 3 wickets for 29 runs off 8 overs. At the other end Adam bowled with pace, obtaining movement in the air and off the pitch, causing the Bedford Athletic batsman all sorts of problems, the chief one being making the batsman play and miss consistently. Adam took 4 wickets for 22 runs in 10 overs. Bedford Athletic batsmen were not sad when Adam completed his allotted overs. Colin Grundy took a wicket with his first ball, but that was the last success. Bedford Athletics' voluble New Zealander, surprisingly nicknamed "Kiwi", started to take the measure of our bowling, scored 43 runs not out, and led Bedford Athletic to a 2 wickets victory. In the after match chat Bedford Athletic admitted this was the closest game they had had all season.

Grafham CC finish the cricket season with a club single wicket competition, which was held on September 16th 2006, with the aim of finding the best all round batsman, bowler in the club for the season. There were several close games, and some not so close. The final was between the reigning single wicket champion John Fozzard and last year's runner up Adam Dighton. Adam scored 31 runs, with John scoring 18 runs in reply, which meant the roles were reversed from last year. Adam became Grafham CC single wicket champion for 2006.



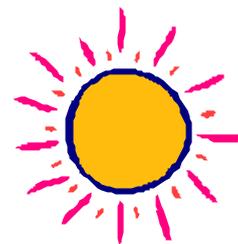
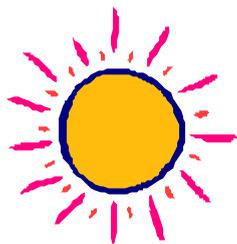
Race Night

On 23rd September, in the village hall, we held our 'Race Night' to raise funds for the club. The weather on Saturday was a glorious Goodwood day, and set the temper for the evening to come. I hope I speak for all who came when I say that a thoroughly enjoyable night was had by all. The club would like to thank all the people who came to the evening and gave so generously by entering into the spirit of the occasion. Also, the club would like to extend it's thanks to those who gave a donation despite not being able to come to the evening. At the moment of writing we do not know the exact sum raised as all the book keeping has not been done, but first indications are that it is a generous amount. As Chairman, I would like to thank all the members of the club who gave their time, labour, enthusiasm and talents into making 'Race Night' the successful and enjoyable evening it was.

Chris Dighton Club Chairman 01480 811862 Adam Dighton Junior Cricket Coach 01480 811862

Grafham Fun Day

Thank you!



The Fun Day committee would like to thank everyone who came to the Fun Day in September. You all looked like you had a fantastic time and the weather could not have been better! We raised an amazing £1,100 which will go towards much needed repairs to our church. Thanks also to all those who helped on the day and to the parish council for their generous donation towards expenses.

All Saints Church, Grafham would like to say a big 'Thank You' to everyone who was involved in making September's Flower Festival and Fun Day such a great success. Thank you to all the organisers - including Jill Tyack and the talented team of flower arrangers, Michelle Burrin and the committee for organising the Fun Day. Our sincere appreciation goes to everyone who had anything to do with organising or helping out over the weekend - in any capacity whatsoever.



Your combined hard work and enthusiasm has raised in excess of £1100 (including £165 from the Flower Festival), towards the Church Restoration Fund. Thank you to everyone who so generously supported all the activities. It was wonderful to see so many people enjoying themselves and a thriving sense of community spirit was very much in evidence. Well done Grafham and thanks again!



We would like to thank everyone who so generously supported our Tombola stall at the recent Fun Day. We received a wonderful amount of articles for the prizes and helped along by Adams sales technique, we completely sold out, raising £167 towards the church restoration fund! Thank The kindness and generosity of the people of Grafham is heart-warming. Jill, Chris & Adam Dighton.



Georgie, Rachel and Gregory would like to thank everyone who bought books from their stall at the fun day. They raised an amazing £78 for the WWF charity so that more can be done to help the world's wildlife.



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to Michelle Burrin from Breach Road for winning an MP3 player, by spotting the most mistakes in the competition held by julie@holidayspecialist.co.uk



Grafham Social Committee invites you to a Coffee Morning for retired residents at 10.30 am on Wednesday, October 11th at Pat Watson's 10 Field Close

